

L. H. J. quantity that was made before & Consequently all that time, Labour, Land and Expence, which were Employ'd before in providing the Overplus will be Clear gains, & be Used by an Industrious people in Gaining Riches in another way.

That other Commodities will probably rise Proportionably in their price is plain not only from Common Experience which Shews that things Gradually rise in proportion to the Riches of a People but from the Nature of the thing as an Encrease of Riches Naturally Encreases the Demands of the People for the Conveniences and Accomodations of Life

Because tho this Diminution in future payments is an Injury to all who have any Growing payments within the Intent of the Act whether the Publick or private persons Lawyers or Clergy yet it is a Peculiar Hardship upon the Clergy whose Maintenance Arises Solely from the Parochial Levies of forty pounds of Tobacco p Poll if the Act should happen to be a Loss to the People in Lessening their Quantity of Tobacco and not raising its Value they are at Liberty & will no Doubt make up their Losses by other Uses of their Land & Labour.

But the Clergy have no other Means of Subsistance than what arises wholly from those Levys, It is neither Consistent with their Character to make use of any other nor doth it Seem Agreeable to the Wisdom of a people to put them under a Necessity of Using any other.

Because the Alteration of the Time for the Sherrif to bring in his Annual Accounts of Tobacco is Very Detrimental to the Creditors whether Clergy or others who by this Means will Lose the Opportunity of Disposing of their Tobacco within a reasonable time & not to the same Advantage with the rest of the people.

And the following Case Viz.

The Case of those that Practice the Law in Maryland and of those that Trade to that Province

p. 192 In the year 1715 an Act of Assembly was made to Ascertain the fees of Attornys and other Practitioners of the Law in Maryland by which Act they are Expressly Prohibited to Exact any more than what the Act Allows and the penalty no Less than an In Capacity of practising for the future which Act is a perpetual Law & Still in force. And by another Act Likewise in force, Any Attorney that shall refuse to undertake a Cause for the Limited fee forfeitts for every refusal five hundred pounds of Tobacco & is to be Suspended His practice for a year, Yet the Assembly in October One thousand Seven hundred & twenty five passed the Act Annexed which makes no Alteration in the fees. NB. all those that practice the Law in Maryland let them be of what Degree they will in the profession are